Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 11 Sep 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 12 Sep 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 10 Sep 2021 at 15:35 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for generally poor visibility conditions for the mountain ranges with mist and drizzle likely, lower confidence for any cloud breaks on Saturday. Improving conditions on Sunday and Monday.

Headline for Saturday 11 Sep 2021: Extensive low cloud, mist and rain for the northern ranges, some brightness for southern hills.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 11 Sep 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m

Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Drizzle	Light rain	Light rain	Light rain	Light rain showers (night)	Light rain showers (night)	Drizzle	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
30%	40%	40%	40%	40%	40%	40%	40%

Forecast for Saturday 11 Sep 2021

Weather: Cloudy with some rain in the early morning and this will continue for much of the day with low cloud, mist and patchy rain, rain is most persistent for more northern ranges Wester Ross and Sutherland. Perhaps a little brighter later in the day for ranges further south around Skye and Glen Shiel.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 10% in the morning, improving a little in the afternoon to 30% especially for southern and western ranges.

Visibility: Generally poor visibility throughout the day with a lot of hill fog expected, especially during the morning. A few brighter spells in the afternoon for the more western ranges around Glen Shiel and perhaps Knoydart however it is unlikely munro tops will clear entirely of cloud. During the morning cloud bases will be between 3-500m for the northern hills, perhaps 6-800m further south. Bases will lift a little in the afternoon and cloud will be less extensive but it will still be hard to find clear breaks. Visibility will also be poor or very poor in mist and rain/drizzle.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	13/16 NW	14/17 NW	17/21 NW	16/22 NW	14/20 NW	17/23 NW	16/22 NW	12/17 NW	10/15 N
900	13/16 NW	14/17 NW	16/21 NW	16/21 NW	14/20 NW	16/23 NW	16/21 NW	12/17 NW	10/14 N
600	9/13 NW	10/14 NW	11/16 NW	12/17 NW	11/17 NW	13/19 NW	12/17 NW	9/14 N	8/13 N
300	9/16 NW	9/17 NW	10/20 NW	9/19 NW	7/17 NW	9/21 NW	10/21 NW	8/16 N	7/13 N
Glen	8/14 N	8/15 NW	8/17 NW	7/14 NW	9/16 NW	12/21 N	13/23 N	9/17 N	10/18 N

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	9/6	8/5	7/4	7/3	7/3	7/3	6/2	5/2	5/1
900	9/6	9/6	8/5	8/4	8/4	8/4	7/3	6/3	5/2
600	11/9	11/9	10/8	10/7	10/7	10/7	9/6	8/6	8/5
300	12/10	12/10	11/9	11/10	12/11	11/9	11/8	10/8	10/8
Glen	14/13	13/12	13/12	14/13	14/13	14/12	13/11	12/11	12/10
Freezing Level*	2900m	2800m	2600m	2500m	2200m	2100m	2000m	2000m	1900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Light winds early on Saturday but the northwesterly winds will freshen later. Feeling cooler later in the day.

Forecast for Sunday 12 Sep 2021

Weather: A cloudy, dull start but improving conditions throughout the day with cloud lifting and visibility improving in the fresher northwesterly conditions. A few showers are possible but generally a bright afternoon expected.

Maximum wind: Northerly 10-15mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 30% increasing to 90% later in the day as low cloud lifts and clears.

Visibility: Cloud bases will be between 6-800m in the early morning with cloud becoming patchy around 800m by the afternoon, many munro tops becoming clear by late afternoon.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 8 rising to 16 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 5 rising to 9 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above the summits.

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